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## COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Smallpox situation improving.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended August 25, 1903. Present officially estimated population not obtainable. One case of smallpox during the week; no deaths; number of deaths from other causes, 6; prevailing diseases, smallpox and malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not good. The smallpox situation is much improved. The infection seems to be principally in the sub-ports in the lagoons. Malarial fever of a severe type is quite prevalent. I see many of the cases. Nothing of a suspicious character is to be found.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Aug. 19	Fort Morgan.....	23	0	0	0
19	Beatrice.....	21	0	0	0
21	Taunton.....	25	0	0	0
23	Belvernon.....	22	0	0	0

## COSTA RICA.

*Report from Limon, fruit port—Yellow fever—Case of leprosy imported.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports as follows: Week ended August 27, 1903. Census population, 4,000; number of cases of yellow fever, 2—1 death; number of deaths from other causes, 10; prevailing diseases, yellow fever, malarial diseases, and tuberculosis.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very poor. One case leprosy sent here August 25 from Buffalo farm (W. F. Co.), about 15 miles distant. The case still remains in town.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Aug. 21	Hispania.....	19	0	0	0
22	Harold.....	20	0	0	0
24	Alene.....	42	8	2	0
26	Brewster.....	32	0	0	0
26	Beverly.....	38	2	0	0